

*Will Continue to Serve on Appropriations Committee*

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today was named ranking Republican member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, also known as the Ethics Committee.

Bonner will continue to serve on the House Appropriations Committee, where he was named to the Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee and the Labor, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee.

“I am extremely honored by the confidence Leader Boehner has placed in me by naming me ranking member of the House Ethics Committee,” Bonner said today. “While no one ever seeks to stand in judgment of one’s peers, it is with a deep sense of humility that I will continue to serve on this important committee.”

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has jurisdiction over matters relating to the Code of Official Conduct. Bonner was first named to the committee at the beginning of the 110th Congress and was the first member of the Alabama delegation to serve on a congressional Ethics Committee since U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) served in 1999.

Additionally, the late U.S. Sen. Howell Heflin (D-AL), served as chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee for four Congresses.

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science has jurisdiction over the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation and related agencies. The Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services has jurisdiction over the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor and related agencies.

In addition to these assignments, Bonner will again serve as an assistant on the Republican Whip Team, a position to which he was named as an incoming freshman in 2003.